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SUBJECT: MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMENTS ON SECRETARY'S ANNUAL FOREIGN POLICY REPORT

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1. AMBASSADOR MANFULL, UNDER COVER OF PERSONAL LETTER USING BASIC TEXT SUPPLIED IN REFTEL, FORWARDED COPY OF SECRETARY ROGERS' ANNUAL REPORT TO MINFORAFFS ROCHEFORTE WEEKS. FOLLOWING LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM HIM ON MAY 4:

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HIS EXCELLENCY WILLIAM P. ROGERS

SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON, D. C., U. S. A.

DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

I HAVE BEEN DEEPLY GRATIFIED TO RECEIVE YOUR KIND MESSAGE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THROUGH AMBASSADOR MANFULL, PRESENTING TO ME A COPY OF YOUR REPORT TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS ON AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY DURING 1972.

INDEED, I HAVE FOUND THE REPORT TO BE COMPREHENSIVE IN ITS COVERAGE AND IMAGINATIVE IN ITS PRONOUNCEMENTS. FOR I BELIEVE THAT THE WHOLE WORLD PRAYERFULLY EXPECTS TO ENJOY AN ENGAGING PERIOD OF INTERNATIONAL RESTORATION, RECONSTRUCTION AND RAPPORT IN THE YEARS AHEAD. IT WILL BE, AS YOU SO PERSUASIVELY PREDICT, A PERIOD IN WHICH PEOPLE WILL TURN AWAY FROM DETRACTING NATIONAL CONFRONTATIONS INTO A NEW STRUCTURE OF LASTING MULTILATERAL COOPERATION, TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD.

IT WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASING TO OBSERVE IN THE SECTION ON AFRICA THE BEAUTIFUL PHOTOGRAPH OF MRS. NIXON DURING HER RECENT VISIT TO LIBERIA.

IT REMAINS OUR FERVENT HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES, IN BROADENING AND STRENGTHENING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC TIES WITH AFRICA AS A WHOLE, WILL ALSO GIVE PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE MOUNTING MOTIVATIONS AND MOMENTUM FROM DEVELOPMENT IN LIBERIA, ESPECIALLY IN RESPECT OF INTEGRATED RURAL TRANSFORMATION. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE HAVE COME TO RECOGNIZE THAT IF LIBERIAN PER CAPITA GROWTH AND INCOME DISTRIBUTION WOULD BE CURRENTLY IMPROVED, THEN IT SEEMS THAT PER CAPITA U. S. AID CRITERIA SHOULD BE AT LEAST TEMPORARILY ALTERED TO PERMIT THE INSTITUTION OF CERTAIN IMPORTANT INTRACONNECTIONAL INFRASTRUCTURES, AN OBJECTIVE WHICH REQUIRE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER LEVELS OF ASSISTANCE THAN EXISTING LOW POPULATION LEVELS IN COUNTRIES LIKE OURS WOULD NECESSARILY ENSURE. IN THESE AND ALL OTHER MATTERS AFFECTING A HEALTHIER ENVIRONMENT OF PEACE IN OUR WORLD, I OFFER TO YOU MY BEST WISHES AND CLOSEST COOPERATION.

FINALLY, PERMIT ME TO STATE THAT CONTINUING AMERICAN FOCUS ON THE DESPERATELY UNFULFILLED ASPIRATIONS OF AFRICANS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IS SINCERELY WELCOME, AND WE OBSERVE AS YOU DO THE NEED FOR MUCH MORE DIPLOMATIC PRODUCTIVITY IN THAT AREA.

SINCERELY YOURS,

ROCHEFORTE L. WEEKS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED TO S/S.

4. COPY OF SECRETARY'S REPORT WAS ALSO SENT TO PRESIDENT TOLBERT WHO REPLIED APPRECIATIVELY BUT WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT. COPY OF HIS LETTER ALSO BEING POUCHED.

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